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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the income eligibility requirements for
2 state child care assistance.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 237A.13, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Families with an income of more than one hundred
4 percent but not more than one two hundred ~~forty-five~~ percent
5 of the federal poverty level whose members, for at least
6 twenty-eight hours per week in the aggregate, are employed
7 or are participating at a satisfactory level in an approved
8 training program or educational program.

9 Sec. 2. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES ON CHILD
10 CARE ASSISTANCE. Effective January 1, 2018, the department of
11 human services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to
12 chapter 17A to provide income eligibility for state child care
13 assistance, according to family size for children needing basic
14 care, to families whose nonexempt gross monthly income does not
15 exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill relates to the income eligibility requirements for
20 the receipt of child care assistance.

21 Under current law, Code section 237A.13 authorizes the
22 department of human services to establish income eligibility
23 requirements for recipients of state child care assistance.
24 The bill directs the department of human services to amend
25 its administrative rules establishing income requirements for
26 children needing basic care to provide income eligibility
27 according to family size at 200 percent of the federal poverty
28 level. The bill correspondingly amends the poverty level
29 from 145 percent to 200 percent in Code section 237A.13(7)(c)
30 regarding the establishment and prioritization of a waiting
31 list for child care assistance.